

Pathways to Freedom: Presenting the UGRR through Education, Interpretation, and Heritage Tourism

2011 Conference Schedule

Tuesday, June 14

8:30 am-4:30 pm

Teaching with Historic Places Workshop

Teaching with Historic Places (TwHP) is an award-winning education program administered by the National Park Service. The program uses places listed in the National Register of Historic Places to enhance history, social studies, civics, geography, and other academic subjects. A series of more than 135 curriculum-based lesson plans are available online for free. (<http://www.cr.nps.gov/nr/twhp/>) These lessons contain readings, primary sources, maps, photographs, and activities that engage students in active investigation of people, events, and places from the past. The lessons also help students make the link between local history and places and the broad themes they read about in their classes.

Workshop leaders Beth Boland, NPS historian and TwHP program manager, and Paul LaRue, master Ohio high school teacher, will introduce TwHP methodology and lead exercises where participants will:

- learn how to create educational materials based on Underground Railroad historic sites,
- practice analyzing places as primary sources of evidence,
- develop lesson plan sections using documentation about historic places,
- consider how to best apply these skills “back home”,
- learn creative ways of engaging students in history-related service learning, and
- learn how to adapt TwHP lesson plans in the classroom.

Material developed by workshop participants will be utilized in creating TWHP lesson plans relevant to the Underground Railroad.

1:00 pm-4pm

Interpretations at Historic Sites Workshop

National Park Service Interpreters encourage the stewardship of resources by facilitating meaningful, memorable visitor experiences. Interpretation in the National Park Service is based on the philosophy that people will *care for* what they first *care about*. In other words, how do we make the resources more personally relevant and valuable to visitors. Join us for this half day afternoon workshop to explore the world of Interpretation through the lens of the Underground Railroad. This course is designed to provide a basic understanding of interpretive theory and practice with a focus on the quest for freedom. The workshop is ideal for those new to the field of interpretation or anyone interested in renewing their skills.

Participants will leave the course with the tools to inspire their audiences, learning:

- What is interpretation?
- Why do we do interpretation?
- What skills do interpreters need?
- How do you do interpretation?

Each participant is asked to bring an object or a picture of an object that tells us something about their site.

6:30 pm-9:00 pm Clermont County Night event and reception
University of Cincinnati, Clermont will host a reception to be followed by an evening of entertainment. Shane Reinhard will preview a portion of his new documentary film on the Underground Railroad in Clermont County. Winners of the UC, Clermont Underground Railroad essay and art contests will be recognized, and the Freedom Choir will perform musical selections.

Wednesday, June 15

8:00-8:30 am Conference Tour Registration and Check-In
8:30 am-5:00 pm Conference Tour 1: **“Two Sides to Every Story: Explore the UGRR Along the Ohio River in Kentucky and Ohio”**
Nestled on the banks of the scenic Ohio River are numerous sites of Underground Railroad activity and historically significant places. The tour departs Holiday Inn Eastgate at 8:00 AM and stops first in Augusta Kentucky, followed by a brief ferry ride across the Ohio River. The tour continues to Ripley Ohio, with visits to the John Parker House and Rankin House and a stop for lunch. Pt. Pleasant, Ohio is next, with a tour of the birthplace of US Grant. Then it is on to New Richmond, noting abolitionist sites and activities along the route. The tour arrives back at Holiday Inn at 5:00 PM in time to freshen up for the reception. This tour is not included in the conference registration fees, and is modestly priced at \$50.00, which includes the cost of lunch.
2:00 pm-5:30 pm Conference Registration
6:30 pm-8:30 pm Opening Reception

Thursday, June 16

8:00 am Registration
8:00 am-5:30 pm Exhibit Hall
8:00 am-9:00 am Continental Breakfast
9:00 am-10:00 am **Opening Convocation**-Amir Eylon, State Tourism, Director, Ohio
Department of Development
Keynote Address: “The North Star: Cosmic Clue to Our
Destiny”- Audrey Peterman, President, Earthwise Productions, Inc.
10:15 am-11:45 am **Session 1**- Clermont County: Authenticating and Marketing an
UGRR Story
Moderator: Diane Miller, NPS, NTF

- Bob Proud, Clermont County Commissioner
- Gary Knepp, J.D.
- Dallas Howard, Clermont County Convention & Visitors Bureau

Session 2- Overcoming the Past: Reimagining Legends of the UGRR
Moderator: Kisha Tandy, Indiana State Museum

- “Beyond Trap Doors and Tunnels: Using Scholarship as the Basis of Underground Railroad Interpretation at the Sheldon Peck Homestead”-Jeanne Schultz Angel
- “Oberlin and the Underground Railroad- The Challenges of Developing a New History Walk”-Elizabeth Schultz
- “Greenmanville: Exhibiting the Underground Railroad and Social Reform in a New England Maritime Community”- Elysa Engleman, PhD

12:00 pm-1:30 pm Luncheon
Keynote Address: “Underground Railroad Pathways to Freedom”- Rex Ellis, Associate Director for Curatorial Affairs, National

Museum of African American History and Culture Smithsonian Institution

1:45 pm-3:15 pm

Session 3- Difficult Dialogues: Not all Northerners were Abolitionists, Not all Southerners were Slaveholders

Moderator: Jenny Masur, NPS, NTF

- “Interpreting a Comprehensive and Conscientious History of Slavery at Museums and Historic Sites”- Kristin Gallas, Director of Education and Public History for the Tracing Center
- “Fair and Balanced History: Telling the Story of Northern Abolitionism Alongside Northern Complicity in Slavery”- James De Wolf Perry, Director of Research and Managing Director for the Tracing Center
- “What’s Slavery Got to Do with It?” Sheri Jackson, NPS, NTF

Session 4- Sanctuary & Deliverance: Picturing the UGRR

Moderator: tba

- Ruth Andrews, Award Winning Regional Artist and Social Justice Activist
- Adrienne Glover, Minority Coalition of Cass County
- Alisea Williams McLeod, PhD, Indiana University South Bend

3:30 pm-5:00 pm

Session 5- In Her Footsteps: Harriet Tubman as a Lens for Heritage Tourism

Moderator: Kate Larson

- “Harriet Tubman, Heritage Tourism, the Underground Railroad and the North Star Project”- Kevin Cottrell, North Star Project
- “Developing Sites to Improve the Visitor Experience”-Kathy Mackel, Caroline County Tourism Office/Harriet Tubman UGRR Byway
- “Connecting Visitors to Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad on Maryland’s Eastern Shore”-Marci Ross, Maryland Office of Tourism Development

Session 6- Coming Together at the Crossroads: A Working Model of Symbiotic Collaboration

Moderator: Peggy Overly, Freedom Time

- Stephen Marc, MFA, Arizona State University
- Jerry Gore, CEO, Freedom Time
- Guy Washington, NPS, NTF

6:30 pm-8:30 pm

Banquet & Performance: “Women on the Front Lines of Slavery”

Friday, June 17

8:00 am

Registration

7:30 am-4:30 pm

Exhibit Hall

8:00 am-9:00 am

Continental Breakfast

9:00 am-10:30 am

Session 7- Teaching the UGRR: Local History, the UGRR, and Project Based Learning

Moderator: John Pratt, North Decatur High School, Greensburg, Indiana

- “Painesville at the Crossroads to Freedom: Bringing History to Life through Experiential Learning and Interactive Technology”- Katharine Delavan, PhD

- “Teaching the Underground Railroad in Nebraska”- Barry Jurgensen, Arlington High School, Arlington, Nebraska
- “The Gist Project 2005-2011: Using STEM and Project Based Models to Teach”- Paul Larue, Washington City School District

Session 8- Making Friends & Influencing People: Why the NTF Needs Your Support

- Marty Sterkel, NPS, Associate Midwest Regional Director, Partnerships

10:45 am-11:45 am

Keynote Address: Education Nation: Edges of Innovation to Support the Teaching of History”, Milton Chen, Edutopia

12:00 pm-1:00 pm

Luncheon

1:15 pm-2:45 pm

Session 9- Lessons from the UGRR: Making the Journey from Slavery to Freedom Resonate

Moderator: tba

- “Babes Aboard the Underground Railroad”- Rev. Lottie Jones Hood, EdD, DMin, Friends of First Congregational Living Museum
- “Sacred Passages: Providing Pathways to Freedom”- Ronnie Harris
- “Running Towards Freedom: Understanding the Slave’s Journey through Story, Texts, and Contexts”- Gloria-Yvonne Williams, PhD

Session 10- Fighting for Freedom: Interpreting African American Militancy and the UGRR

Moderator: Cheri LaFlamme, Center for Historic Preservation, Middle Tennessee State University

- “Civil War Helena, Arkansas: The African American Experience”- Joseph Brent, MA, Mudpuppy & Waterdog, Inc.
- “The Fight To Maintain Freedom, Liberty And Heritage: The Legacy of The West India Regiment and related UGRR Heritage Sites in The Bahamas”- Keith Dean, Professor of History and Heritage Studies, Henderson College, Nassau, The Bahamas
- “Seizing Freedom: Archaeology and Interpretation of Escaped Slaves at Camp Nelson, KY”- Stephen McBride, PhD, Camp Nelson Civil War Heritage Park

3:00-4:30 pm

Closing Convocation

“Defending the UGRR: Advocating for the NTF in a Challenging Environment”- Alan Spears and Lynn McClure, National Parks Conservation Association

6:00 pm-8:30pm

“A Night Out- Visit Downtown Cincinnati’s museums, the National Underground Freedom Center and the Cincinnati Museum Center”

Want to see more of Cincinnati? Come for a night out on the town. The tour will begin at the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center with a special reception for conference delegates and a tour of this riverfront museum. The Center offers visitors unique exhibits about the history of freedom from the Underground Railroad to the present. The group will then depart for the Cincinnati Museum Center at Union Terminal for a visit to the “Cleopatra” exhibit. The exhibit is a stunning display based on the discovery of Cleopatra’s lost palace in Alexandria. The tour bus will depart the museum at 8:30 PM and arrive at the host hotel at 9:00 PM. This tour is not included in the conference registration fees and is modestly priced at \$25.00.

Saturday, June 18

7:30 am-8:00am

8:00 am-5:00 pm

Conference Tour Registration and Check-In

Conference Tour 2: **“Beyond the UGRR: African Americans from Enslavement to Freedom”**

(Bus Boards-7:30 am and Bus Departs- 8:00 am)

Travel to Xenia and Dayton, Ohio and explore the journey of African Americans from the period of Underground Railroad and beyond. The Underground Railroad was the beginning of freedom for many African Americans, but the story does not end there. This tour will look at the history of African Americans in Ohio prior to and after Emancipation. The tour will begin in Xenia, a town with a rich Underground Railroad history and also the home of Wilberforce University, one of the earliest historically black institutions of higher learning. The tour will include visits to Massies Creek Cemetery, where Underground Railroad operator and African American abolitionist Martin Delany is buried; the home of Col. Charles Young, a freedom seeker who later became the third African American to graduate from West Point and a Buffalo Soldier; and the National Afro-American Museum and Cultural Center. The tour will end in Dayton at the home of Paul Laurence Dunbar, a descendant of a freedom seeker, who garnered national attention as a poet. This tour is not included in the conference registration fees and cost \$45, including lunch.